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DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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In re:

BLOCKFI INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)
(Jointly Administered)

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS' EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF
KROLL RESTRUCTURING ADMINISTRATION LLC AS ADMINISTRATIVE
ADVISOR *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE**

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered three (3) through seven (7), is hereby **ORDERED**.

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: BlockFi Inc. (0015); BlockFi Trading LLC (2487); BlockFi Lending LLC (5017); BlockFi Wallet LLC (3231); BlockFi Ventures LLC (9937); BlockFi International Ltd. (N/A); BlockFi Investment Products LLC (2422); BlockFi Services, Inc. (5965) and BlockFi Lending II LLC (0154). The location of the Debtors' service address is 201 Montgomery Street, Suite 263, Jersey City, NJ 07302.

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Upon consideration of the application (the “Application”)¹ of BlockFi Inc. and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the “Debtors”), pursuant to section 327(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rules 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the “Local Rules”), for entry of an order authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC (“Kroll”) so that it may perform services as administrative advisor (“Administrative Advisor”) effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date; and the Court having jurisdiction to decide the Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28. U.S.C. §§ 157(a)-(b) and 1334(b) and the Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11 of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, dated September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.); and consideration of the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and notice of the Application having been given as provided in the Application, and such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances; and it appearing that no other or further notice of the Application need be provided; and upon the Declaration of Benjamin J. Steele in

¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

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support thereof; and the Court being satisfied that Kroll does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors, their estates, or their creditors, and is a disinterested person within the meaning of Sections 327 and 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and that said employment would be in the best interest of the Debtors, their respective estates and creditors, and all parties-in-interest, and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is **GRANTED** as set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized to retain Kroll as Administrative Advisor, effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date, pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and under the terms of the Engagement Agreement attached to the Application as **Exhibit A**, and Kroll is authorized to perform the bankruptcy administration services described in the Application and set forth in the Engagement Agreement.
3. Kroll is authorized to take all actions necessary to comply with its duties as Administrative Advisor as described in the Application and set forth in the Engagement Agreement.
4. Kroll shall apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred in its capacity as Administrative Advisor in accordance with the applicable

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provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders entered in these cases regarding professional compensation and reimbursement of expenses.

5. The Debtors shall indemnify Kroll under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, as modified pursuant to this Order.

6. Kroll shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Engagement Agreement for any services other than the services described in the Engagement Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement therefor are approved by the Court.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify Kroll, or provide contribution or reimbursement to Kroll, for any claim or expense that is either: (i) judicially determined (that determination having become final) to have arisen from Kroll's gross negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud; (ii) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of Kroll's contractual obligations if the Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would not be permissible pursuant to *United Artists Theatre Co. v. Walton (In re United Artists Theatre Co.)*, 315 F.3d 217 (3d Cir. 2003); or (iii) settled prior to a judicial determination under (i) or (ii), but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which Kroll should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the Engagement Agreement as modified by this Order.

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8. If, before the earlier of the entry of an order (i) confirming a chapter 11 plan in these chapter 11 cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), or (ii) closing these chapter 11 cases, Kroll believes that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution, and/or reimbursement obligations under the Engagement Agreement (as modified by this Order), including the advancement of defense costs, Kroll must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to Kroll before the entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of time under which the Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by Kroll for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify Kroll. All parties-in-interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by Kroll for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

9. The limitation of liability section in paragraph 10 of the Engagement Agreement is deemed to be of no force or effect with respect to the services to be provided pursuant to this Order.

10. In the event of any inconsistency between the Engagement Agreement, the Application, and the Order, the Order shall govern.

11. Notwithstanding any provision in the Bankruptcy Rules to the contrary, this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

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12. The Debtors and Kroll are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

13. Notice of the Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of the Application and the Local Rules of this Court are satisfied by such notice.

14. To the extent applicable, the requirement set forth in Local Rule 9013-1(a)(3) that any motion/application be accompanied by a memorandum of law is hereby deemed satisfied by the contents of the Application or otherwise waived.

15. Notwithstanding any term in the Engagement Agreement to the contrary, the Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Order.